

Regional / National Comparisons

Overview

The mountain region has recovered fairly well from the 2001 recession. Although 2003 was a difficult year for employment and income growth, 2004 improved significantly. In the 12 month period ending in October 2004, the mountain region held four of the top five states for employment growth. Utah had the third fastest growing job rolls in the nation during that period. However, the mountain region continues to be known for lower wages, with only Colorado above the national average. Utah has continued to fall behind the national average in pay rates. Mountain states have done well in terms of unemployment, staying below the national average in 2004. Also, poverty rates are generally good, except for New Mexico, Montana, and Arizona. Overall, the region seems to have weathered the recession and its aftermath well and is beginning to lead the nation in economic growth as the recovery takes hold.

Population Growth

From 2002 to 2003, population grew by 1.0% nationally. The mountain states saw a growth rate of 1.8%. Much of that growth was in Nevada and Arizona, with growth rates of 3.4% and 2.6%, respectively. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Utah's population grew by 1.4%, placing it among Colorado, Idaho, and New Mexico regionally. Wyoming had the slowest growth rate in the region, at 0.5%. This annual growth in population ranks Arizona, Idaho and Utah in the top ten of all states, with Nevada leading the nation.

Personal Income Growth

Total personal income in the mountain region grew 5.6% per year during the 1998 to 2003 period, faster than the national average of 4.3%. Utah's growth over the five-year period was 4.8%, placing the state regionally with Idaho, Montana, and New Mexico. Nevada led the region and the nation with an average annual growth rate of 6.1%. Six states in the region, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, and Wyoming ranked in the top ten nationally for this five-year period.

Despite the rapid growth during the 1998 to 2003 period, the states of the mountain region are still some of the smallest in the United States in terms of personal income. As personal income is a measurement of the size of the economic base, only Colorado and Arizona have economies larger than the median of the 50 states. Utah has the 35th largest economy, placing it between Arkansas and Nebraska in relative size. Wyoming has the smallest economy in the nation at 51st place, behind Washington D.C.

The mountain region produced \$559.8 billion in personal income in 2003, or 6.1% of the nation's total of \$9.2 trillion, the same as in 2002. Utah accounted for 10.6% of the mountain region's income, slightly down from 10.7% in 2002. Utah's per capita personal income in 2003 was \$25,230, ranking 48th in the nation (including Washington D.C.). Utah's per capita income growth rate from 1998 to 2003 was 3.1%, ranking the state 37th in terms of growth. Per capita personal income in the mountain states was \$28,884 in 2003, about 91.8% of the national average. Utah is well below the mountain states average, at 80.2% of the national average. This percentage has declined since 1998, when Utah's per capita personal income was 80.7% of the national average. Colorado has the highest per capita income among the mountain states. In 2003, Colorado, Nevada, and Wyoming exceeded the national average.

Median Household Income

Utah is anomalous when comparing personal income and median household income. While Utah has a very low per capita personal income, the state's median household income is ranked 12th in the nation. This is largely explained by Utah having the largest household size in the nation. The per capita figures are diluted by a larger number of children. Therefore, the median household figures provide a more accurate measure of family income. Utah's \$49,143 median household income is 113% of the national average of \$43,527. Colorado is the only mountain state with a higher household income at \$50,224. Some of the lowest household incomes are found in the mountain states, with Montana ranking 47th and New Mexico ranking 46th. These figures are three-year averages from 2001-2003. Because of sampling variability, the Census Bureau recommends using three-year averages for ranking purposes.

Average Annual Pay

Another measure of income is the average annual pay of workers covered by unemployment insurance. Among the mountain states, all but Colorado are below the national average. Utah's average annual pay of \$31,106 per worker in 2003 was 82.4% of the national average; the mountain region as a whole averages \$32,018, or 84.8% of the national average of \$37,765. In 2003, wages in four states of the region were a lower percentage of the national average than in 1998. Arizona, Colorado, Montana and Wyoming had wages that were a higher percentage of the national average than they were in 1997. Utah ranked 36th among the states for wages. Regionally, Utah was in the middle of the mountain states. Arizona, Colorado and Nevada all ranked higher, while Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming ranked lower. Those four states, collectively, had some of the lowest wage rates in the nation, with Montana ranking 51st.

Nonagricultural Payrolls

All mountain states showed positive employment growth in 2003 except for Colorado, which showed a loss, and Utah, which showed no growth. Achieving no growth was actually a fairly decent performance, since most states lost employment in 2003. Thirty-one states saw contractions in their nonagricultural payroll employment during 2003, with Oklahoma and Massachusetts showing the biggest decline, losing 2.4% and 2.0% of their jobs, respectively. During the five-year period of 1998-2003, the national growth rate was 0.6%. Six of the mountain states ranked within the top ten fastest growing. Utah's five-year growth rate was 1.0%, ranking it 16th nationally and second to last in the region, ahead of Colorado.

Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the period of October 2003 to October 2004 showed a gain of 3.1% in Utah's employment. Only Idaho and Nevada had faster growth rates than Utah during this period. Five mountain states: Arizona, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico and Utah were some of the fastest growing in the nation, with Nevada ranked number one. During this time period, Nevada increased its payrolls by 4.9%. Outside the mountain west region, Hawaii, Oregon, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin round out the top ten in employment growth while Michigan and Ohio were at the bottom.

Unemployment in the mountain states during 2003 was, with the exception of Wyoming and Montana, at or above 5.2%. The national

average was 6.0%. Utah was tied with Arizona for the third highest regional unemployment rates during 2003, at 5.6%. Colorado was slightly higher at 6.0%, and New Mexico was significantly higher at 6.4%. Additionally, the rate of change for Utah from 1998 to 2003 was 1.8%, the second highest in the region and the 14th highest nationally. However, since 2003, it appears unemployment in Utah is declining. During October 2003, the state's unemployment rate was 4.9%. By October 2004, it had declined to 4.4%. This rate of 4.4% was less than the national average of 5.1% and within the region; only Wyoming had a lower rate, at 3.4%.

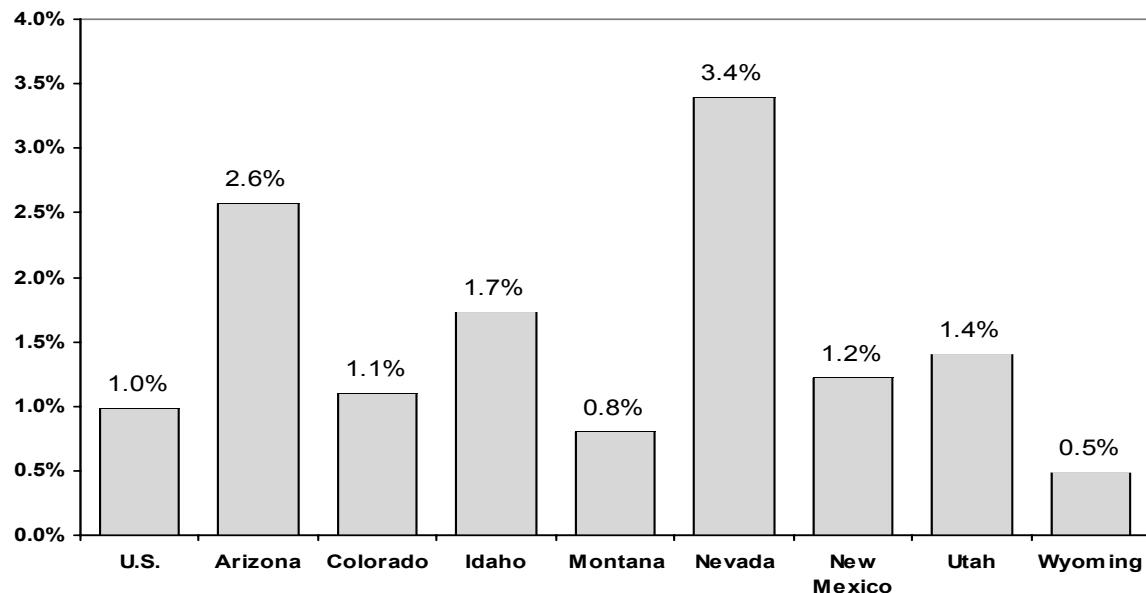
Poverty Rates

Similar to median household income, the Census Bureau's measure of poverty rates has considerable volatility, and the Bureau suggests using three-year averages for ranking purposes and two-year averages to evaluate movement over time. The mountain states exhibit wide disparity in poverty rates, with New Mexico the second highest in the nation, having 18.0% of its residents classified as living below the poverty line. Recently, Utah's poverty rate declined over the two-year periods. From 2001-2002, the state's poverty rate was 10.2%; for the 2002-2003 period it climbed to 9.5%. Over the three-year period, Utah ranks 35th in the nation, with Colorado, Nevada, and New Mexico having lower poverty rates among the mountain states.

Conclusion

In the aftermath of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Utah struggled to keep jobs in the state. However, from October 2003 to October 2004 there was a promising gain of 34,000 jobs, which is significantly better than the gain of only 1,000 jobs in the previous October period. This impressive gain was third highest in the nation. Despite the sluggish growth in jobs in 2003, poverty rates showed a decline in both annual rates and two-year moving averages. It is important to note that unemployment rates paradoxically decreased in 2003, despite the minimal gain in jobs. Research has shown that this phenomenon was a result of a shrinking labor force that reduced unemployment numbers. However, with the recent increase in job numbers in 2004, it is believed that solid employment gains will continue into 2005.

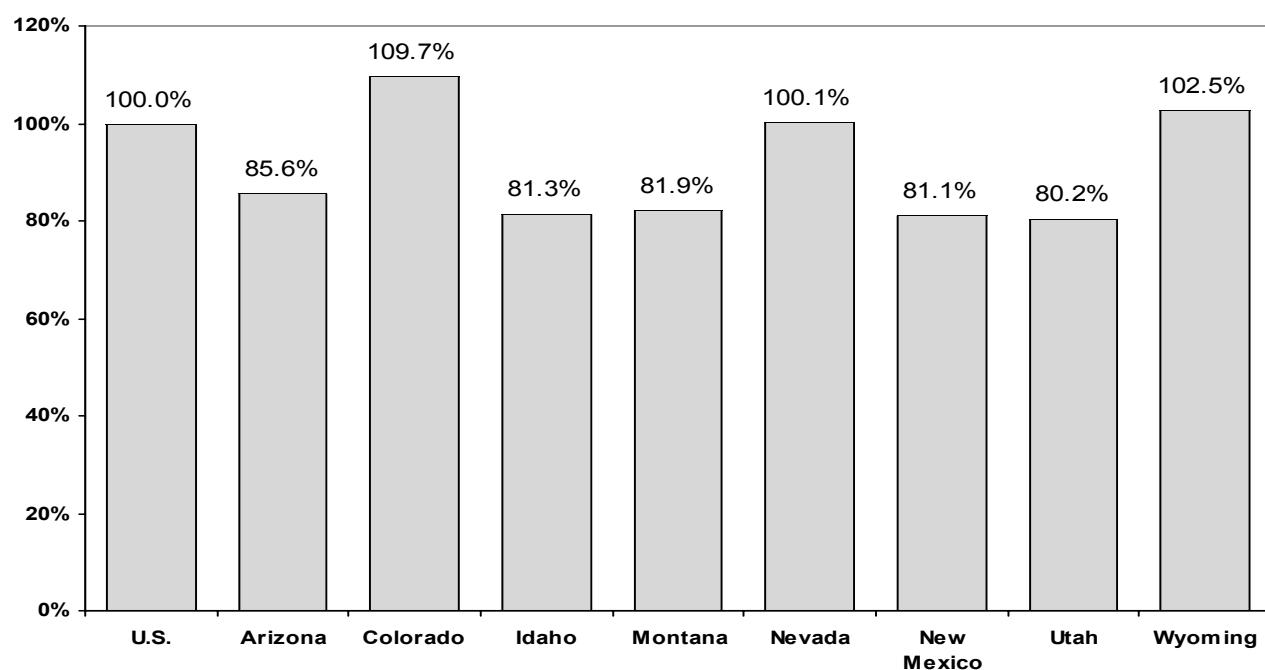
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Population Growth Rates—U.S. and Mountain Division States: 2002-2003



Note: Numbers in this chart may differ from other tables due to different data sources

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

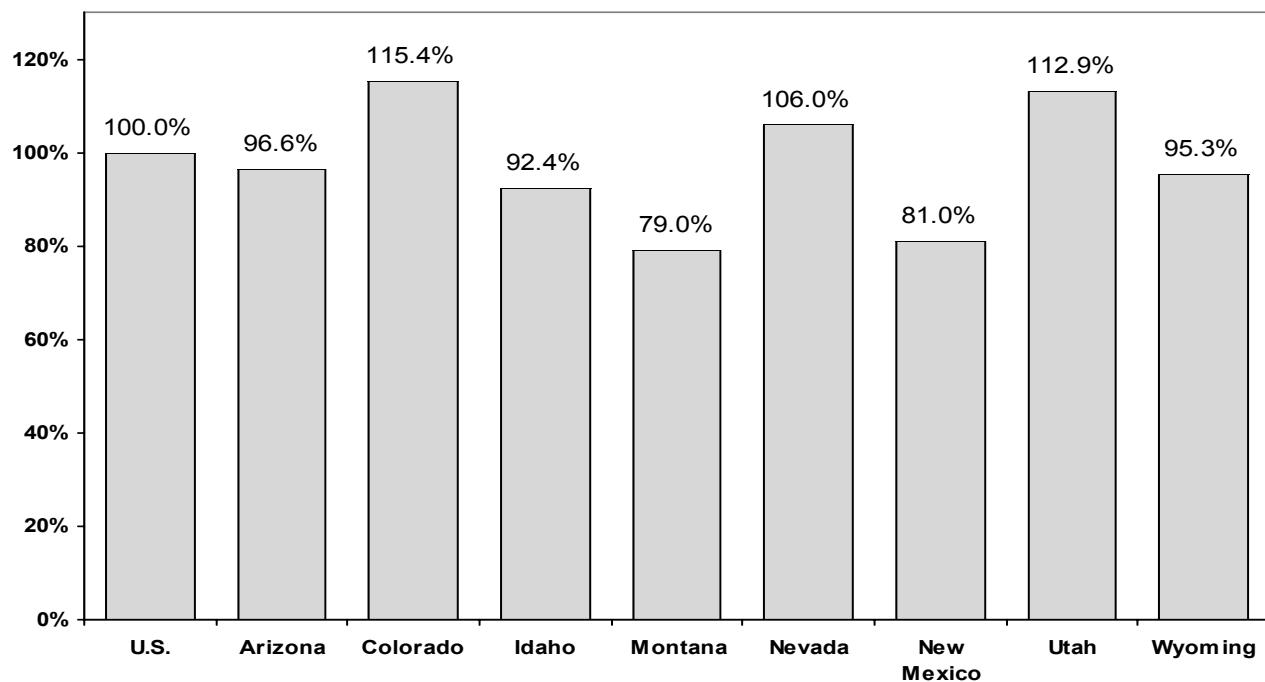
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Per Capita Income as a Percent of U.S. – Mountain Division States 2003



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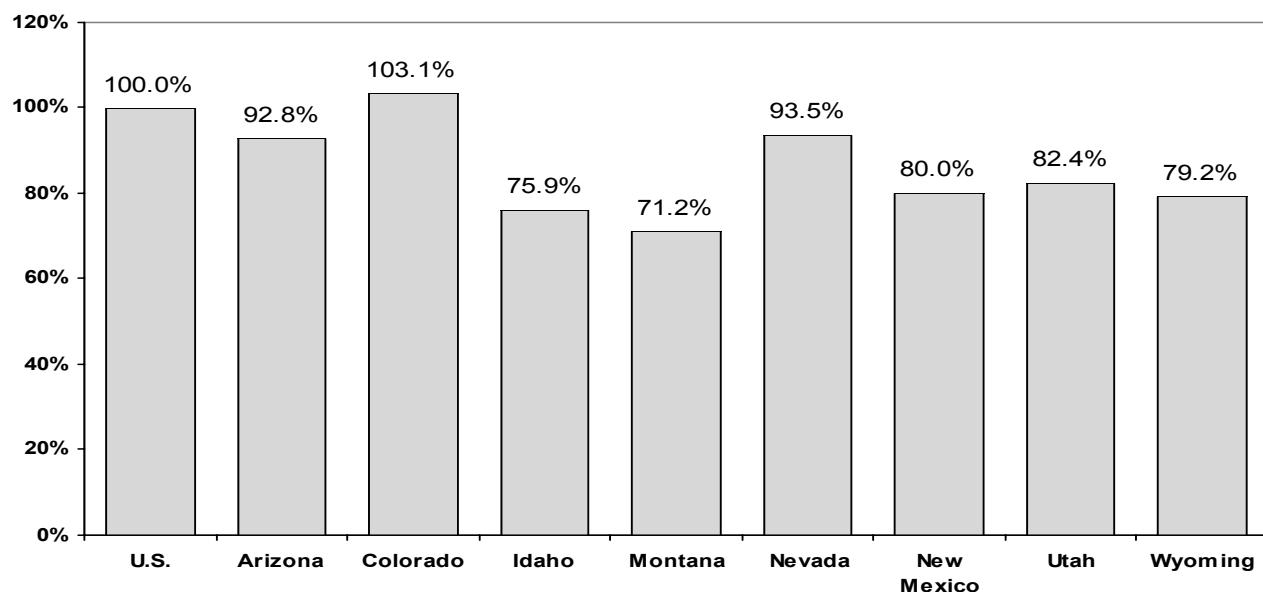
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Figure 45
Median Household Income as Percent of U.S.—Mountain Division States: 2001-2003 Three-Year Average



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

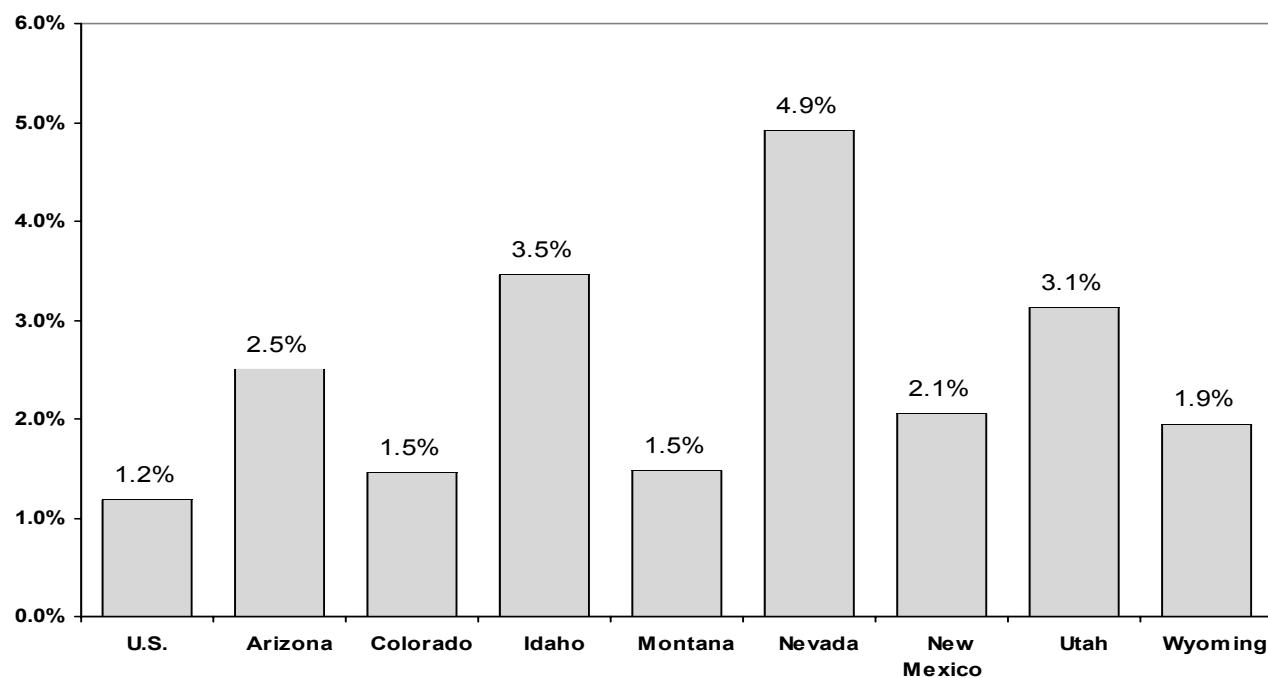
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Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S.—Mountain Division States: 2003



Note: For workers covered by unemployment insurance.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

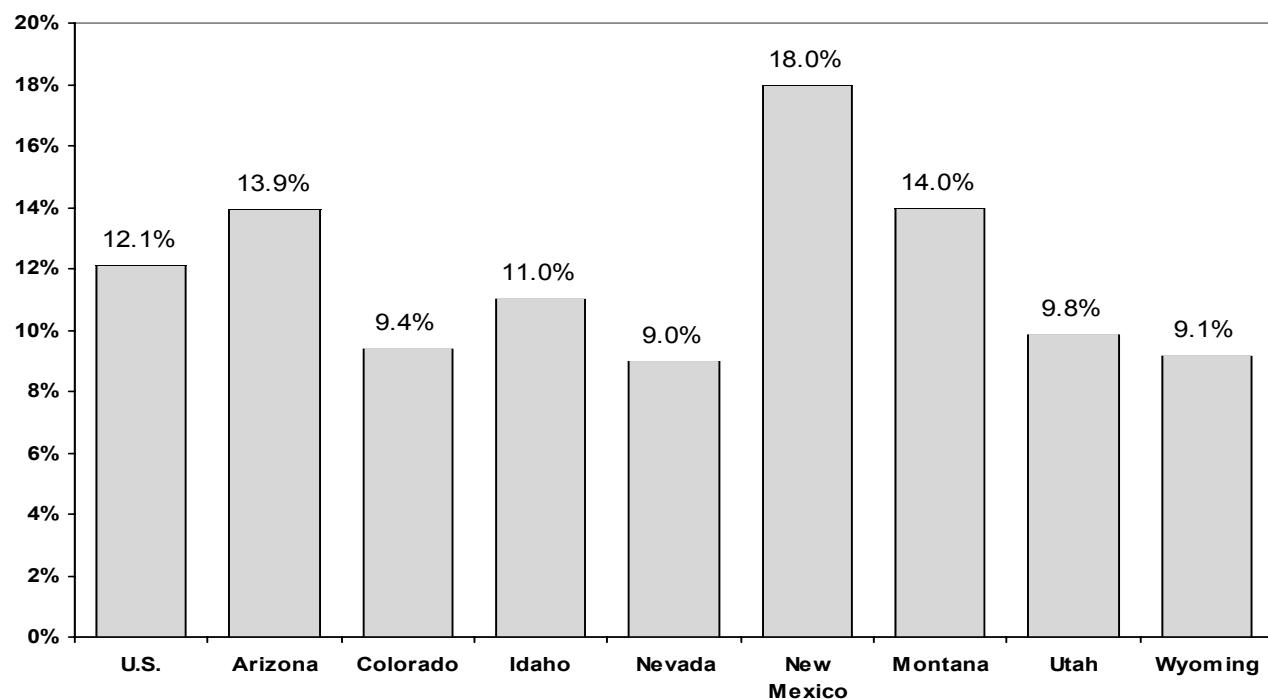
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Nonagricultural Employment Growth—U.S. and Mountain Division States: October 2004 over October 2003



Note: Numbers in this chart may differ from other tables due to different data sources

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 48
Percent of Persons in Poverty: Three-Year Average 2001 to 2003



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 47
Population and Households--U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Population (July 1 Estimates)			Households (July 1 Estimates)			Rankings			
	2002 (thousands)		2003 (thousands)	Annual Growth Rate 2002-03	2003 (thousands)		Persons per Household	Rank by Population 2002	Rank by Population 2003	Rank by Annual Growth Rate 2002-03
United States	287,974	290,810	1.0%		108,420	2.61				
Mountain States	19,033	19,384	1.8%		7,222	2.63				
Arizona	5,441	5,581	2.6%		2,049	2.67	19	18	2	8
Colorado	4,501	4,551	1.1%		1,821	2.44	22	22	16	45
Idaho	1,343	1,366	1.7%		503	2.65	39	39	5	10
Montana	910	918	0.8%		366	2.44	44	44	23	45
Nevada	2,167	2,241	3.4%		834	2.64	35	35	1	11
New Mexico	1,852	1,875	1.2%		698	2.63	36	36	13	13
Utah	2,319	2,351	1.4%		752	3.07	34	34	8	1
Wyoming	499	501	0.5%		199	2.45	51	51	39	42
Other States										
Alabama	4,479	4,501	0.5%		1,743	2.52	23	23	38	26
Alaska	641	649	1.1%		229	2.75	47	47	14	5
Arkansas	2,706	2,726	0.7%		1,076	2.46	33	32	26	39
California	35,002	35,484	1.4%		11,857	2.92	1	1	9	2
Connecticut	3,459	3,483	0.7%		1,323	2.55	29	29	27	21
Delaware	806	817	1.4%		304	2.61	45	45	7	15
D.C.	569	563	-1.0%		247	2.14	50	50	51	51
Florida	16,692	17,019	2.0%		6,638	2.50	4	4	3	29
Georgia	8,544	8,685	1.6%		3,153	2.68	10	9	6	7
Hawaii	1,241	1,258	1.4%		419	2.91	42	42	10	3
Illinois	12,586	12,654	0.5%		4,625	2.67	5	5	35	8
Indiana	6,157	6,196	0.6%		2,351	2.56	14	14	31	18
Iowa	2,936	2,944	0.3%		1,158	2.45	30	30	47	42
Kansas	2,712	2,724	0.4%		1,059	2.50	32	33	42	29
Kentucky	4,090	4,118	0.7%		1,607	2.49	26	26	29	32
Louisiana	4,476	4,496	0.4%		1,673	2.61	24	24	40	15
Maine	1,295	1,306	0.8%		535	2.37	40	40	22	50
Maryland	5,451	5,509	1.1%		2,048	2.62	18	19	17	14
Massachusetts	6,422	6,433	0.2%		2,436	2.55	13	13	49	21
Michigan	10,043	10,080	0.4%		3,884	2.53	8	8	43	24
Minnesota	5,025	5,059	0.7%		2,012	2.45	21	21	28	42
Mississippi	2,867	2,881	0.5%		2,012	2.64	31	31	37	11
Missouri	5,670	5,704	0.6%		2,285	2.42	17	17	33	47
Nebraska	1,728	1,739	0.7%		675	2.50	38	38	30	29
New Hampshire	1,274	1,288	1.0%		493	2.54	41	41	20	23
New Jersey	8,575	8,638	0.7%		3,123	2.70	9	10	24	6
New York	19,134	19,190	0.3%		7,119	2.61	3	3	46	15
North Carolina	8,306	8,407	1.2%		3,271	2.49	11	11	12	32
North Dakota	634	634	0.0%		254	2.39	48	48	50	49
Ohio	11,409	11,436	0.2%		4,480	2.49	7	7	48	32
Oklahoma	3,490	3,512	0.6%		1,341	2.53	28	28	32	24
Oregon	3,520	3,560	1.1%		1,409	2.47	27	27	15	37
Pennsylvania	12,329	12,365	0.3%		4,801	2.48	6	6	45	35
Rhode Island	1,068	1,076	0.7%		412	2.52	43	43	25	26
South Carolina	4,104	4,147	1.1%		1,568	2.56	25	25	19	18
South Dakota	760	764	0.5%		299	2.46	46	46	36	39
Tennessee	5,790	5,842	0.9%		2,296	2.48	16	16	21	35
Texas	21,737	22,119	1.8%		7,635	2.82	2	2	4	4
Vermont	616	619	0.4%		242	2.47	49	49	41	37
Virginia	7,288	7,386	1.4%		2,790	2.56	12	12	11	18
Washington	6,067	6,131	1.1%		2,382	2.51	15	15	18	28
West Virginia	1,805	1,810	0.3%		732	2.41	37	37	44	48
Wisconsin	5,440	5,472	0.6%		2,159	2.46	20	20	34	39

Note: Population numbers will be revised by the U.S. Census Bureau in December 2004.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 48
Total Personal Income -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State				Rates of Total Personal Income Change		Total Personal Income (saar)			Rankings				
	Total Personal Income			Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1998-2003	Percent Change 2002-2003	2nd Quarter 2003 (millions)	2nd Quarter 2004 (millions)	Percent Change 2002-03	Rank by Total Personal Income 2003	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1998-2003	Rank by Percent Change 2002-03	Rank by Percent Change (saar) 2003-04	
	1998 (millions)	2002 (millions)	2003 (millions)										
United States	\$7,415,709	\$8,868,261	\$9,148,680	4.3%	3.2%	\$9,093,138	\$9,565,281	5.2%					
Mountain States	426,631	539,239	559,801	5.6%	3.8%	555,636	590,512	6.3%					
Arizona	113,370	143,680	150,295	5.8%	4.6%	149,164	158,774	6.4%	23	2	8	5	
Colorado	118,493	153,593	157,043	5.8%	2.2%	156,017	164,960	5.7%	21	4	45	14	
Idaho	27,287	33,963	34,954	5.1%	2.9%	34,748	36,649	5.5%	42	9	38	22	
Montana	18,857	22,526	23,651	4.6%	5.0%	23,637	24,849	5.1%	46	21	5	27	
Nevada	52,371	66,534	70,567	6.1%	6.1%	69,574	75,687	8.8%	32	1	3	1	
New Mexico	37,046	45,801	47,807	5.2%	4.4%	47,444	50,505	6.5%	37	8	11	4	
Utah	47,019	57,732	59,327	4.8%	2.8%	59,074	62,060	5.1%	35	19	42	30	
Wyoming	12,189	15,410	16,157	5.8%	4.9%	15,978	17,028	6.6%	51	3	6	2	
Other States													
Alabama	97,012	113,647	118,260	4.0%	4.1%	117,442	123,273	5.0%	24	35	16	32	
Alaska	17,085	20,899	21,576	4.8%	3.2%	21,498	22,512	4.7%	48	18	28	37	
Arkansas	53,810	63,505	66,224	4.2%	4.3%	65,755	70,018	6.5%	34	31	13	3	
California	936,009	1,149,144	1,185,302	4.8%	3.1%	1,178,114	1,245,376	5.7%	1	16	30	16	
Connecticut	123,918	147,856	150,801	4.0%	2.0%	149,867	158,184	5.5%	22	37	49	18	
Delaware	21,565	26,183	27,240	4.8%	4.0%	27,131	28,510	5.1%	44	17	17	29	
D.C.	20,562	26,125	26,651	5.3%	2.0%	26,544	28,086	5.8%	45	7	48	12	
Florida	402,454	492,218	510,090	4.9%	3.6%	507,044	536,837	5.9%	4	14	23	7	
Georgia	198,782	246,781	254,104	5.0%	3.0%	252,511	267,346	5.9%	10	11	37	8	
Hawaii	31,757	36,759	38,470	3.9%	4.7%	38,277	40,496	5.8%	40	40	7	13	
Illinois	360,095	412,262	420,156	3.1%	1.9%	418,348	436,736	4.4%	5	49	50	46	
Indiana	149,336	171,841	178,415	3.6%	3.8%	177,063	185,298	4.7%	16	44	19	39	
Iowa	71,704	81,925	83,604	3.1%	2.1%	83,008	87,837	5.8%	30	50	47	11	
Kansas	67,800	78,290	80,466	3.5%	2.8%	79,811	83,396	4.5%	31	46	41	44	
Kentucky	87,851	104,055	108,515	4.3%	4.3%	107,818	112,697	4.5%	26	27	12	42	
Louisiana	96,677	113,277	117,074	3.9%	3.4%	116,469	122,062	4.8%	25	41	26	35	
Maine	29,710	36,295	37,781	4.9%	4.1%	37,428	39,486	5.5%	41	12	15	21	
Maryland	157,784	198,544	206,166	5.5%	3.8%	205,124	217,175	5.9%	14	5	18	9	
Massachusetts	203,987	249,889	253,528	4.4%	1.5%	251,842	263,279	4.5%	11	26	51	41	
Michigan	265,098	302,019	314,460	3.5%	4.1%	311,916	321,735	3.1%	9	47	14	51	
Minnesota	139,553	166,718	172,217	4.3%	3.3%	171,509	180,630	5.3%	17	29	27	25	
Mississippi	54,820	64,328	67,258	4.2%	4.6%	66,738	70,561	5.7%	33	32	9	15	
Missouri	137,619	160,962	165,967	3.8%	3.1%	165,201	172,633	4.5%	20	42	35	43	
Nebraska	43,314	49,872	52,755	4.0%	5.8%	52,661	54,412	3.3%	36	36	4	50	
New Hampshire	35,149	43,468	44,686	4.9%	2.8%	44,306	46,749	5.5%	38	13	40	20	
New Jersey	282,721	337,853	345,557	4.1%	2.3%	343,586	359,900	4.7%	7	33	44	36	
New York	591,847	680,182	696,531	3.3%	2.4%	692,960	730,795	5.5%	2	48	43	23	
North Carolina	193,223	230,696	237,931	4.3%	3.1%	235,357	249,087	5.8%	13	30	32	10	
North Dakota	14,810	16,780	18,078	4.1%	7.7%	18,004	18,969	5.4%	50	34	1	24	
Ohio	294,292	331,968	342,533	3.1%	3.2%	340,717	353,305	3.7%	8	51	29	49	
Oklahoma	74,118	90,077	93,290	4.7%	3.6%	92,918	97,215	4.6%	29	20	25	40	
Oregon	85,629	100,434	102,538	3.7%	2.1%	101,706	107,098	5.3%	28	43	46	26	
Pennsylvania	330,161	380,162	392,058	3.5%	3.1%	389,538	406,886	4.5%	6	45	33	45	
Rhode Island	27,501	33,156	34,369	4.6%	3.7%	34,026	35,612	4.7%	43	22	22	38	
South Carolina	86,854	104,540	108,398	4.5%	3.7%	107,559	113,072	5.1%	27	24	21	28	
South Dakota	17,523	20,261	21,629	4.3%	6.7%	21,599	22,664	4.9%	47	28	2	33	
Tennessee	133,620	159,833	166,867	4.5%	4.4%	165,512	174,752	5.6%	19	23	10	17	
Texas	507,681	623,697	643,129	4.8%	3.1%	639,743	675,071	5.5%	3	15	34	19	
Vermont	14,788	18,247	18,904	5.0%	3.6%	18,742	19,687	5.0%	49	10	24	31	
Virginia	191,711	239,480	248,554	5.3%	3.8%	246,895	262,235	6.2%	12	6	20	6	
Washington	163,762	198,367	203,956	4.5%	2.8%	203,671	212,396	4.3%	15	25	39	47	
West Virginia	36,722	43,305	44,665	4.0%	3.1%	44,477	46,657	4.9%	39	38	31	34	
Wisconsin	138,667	163,118	168,128	3.9%	3.1%	167,067	174,045	4.2%	18	39	36	48	

saar = seasonally adjusted annual rate.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 49
Per Capita Personal Income -- U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Per Capita Personal Income			Rates of Per Capita Personal Income Change		Per Capita Personal Income as a Percent of U.S. Per Capita Personal Income			Rankings		
	1998	2002	2003	Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1998-2003	Annual Growth Rate 2002-03	1998	2002	2003	Rank by Per Capita Personal Income 2003	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 1998-2003	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 2002-03
United States	\$26,883	\$30,795	\$31,459	3.2%	2.2%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Mountain States											
Arizona	23,216	26,406	26,931	3.0%	2.0%	86.4%	85.7%	85.6%	39	38	35
Colorado	28,784	34,124	34,510	3.7%	1.1%	107.1%	110.8%	109.7%	8	15	50
Idaho	21,789	25,287	25,583	3.3%	1.2%	81.1%	82.1%	81.3%	46	30	49
Montana	21,130	24,744	25,775	4.1%	4.2%	78.6%	80.4%	81.9%	45	9	5
Nevada	28,260	30,697	31,487	2.2%	2.6%	105.1%	99.7%	100.1%	19	51	27
New Mexico	20,656	24,730	25,502	4.3%	3.1%	76.8%	80.3%	81.1%	47	5	16
Utah	21,708	24,898	25,230	3.1%	1.3%	80.7%	80.9%	80.2%	48	37	45
Wyoming	24,836	30,892	32,235	5.4%	4.3%	92.4%	100.3%	102.5%	16	2	4
Other States											
Alabama	22,025	25,374	26,276	3.6%	3.6%	81.9%	82.4%	83.5%	42	20	9
Alaska	27,560	32,580	33,254	3.8%	2.1%	102.5%	105.8%	105.7%	14	13	34
Arkansas	20,489	23,466	24,296	3.5%	3.5%	76.2%	76.2%	77.2%	50	24	10
California	28,374	32,831	33,403	3.3%	1.7%	105.5%	106.6%	106.2%	11	27	38
Connecticut	36,822	42,751	43,292	3.3%	1.3%	137.0%	138.8%	137.6%	2	29	48
Delaware	28,252	32,487	33,321	3.4%	2.6%	105.1%	105.5%	105.9%	12	26	28
D.C.	36,379	45,902	47,305	5.4%	3.1%	135.3%	149.1%	150.4%	1	1	17
Florida	25,987	29,489	29,972	2.9%	1.6%	96.7%	95.8%	95.3%	25	44	41
Georgia	25,279	28,884	29,259	3.0%	1.3%	94.0%	93.8%	93.0%	28	41	46
Hawaii	26,132	29,628	30,589	3.2%	3.2%	97.2%	96.2%	97.2%	22	35	12
Illinois	29,343	32,754	33,205	2.5%	1.4%	109.2%	106.4%	105.6%	15	49	43
Indiana	24,894	27,910	28,797	3.0%	3.2%	92.6%	90.6%	91.5%	33	42	14
Iowa	24,701	27,905	28,398	2.8%	1.8%	91.9%	90.6%	90.3%	36	47	37
Kansas	25,483	28,870	29,545	3.0%	2.3%	94.8%	93.7%	93.9%	27	39	32
Kentucky	22,043	25,442	26,352	3.6%	3.6%	82.0%	82.6%	83.8%	41	18	8
Louisiana	21,772	25,307	26,038	3.6%	2.9%	81.0%	82.2%	82.8%	44	17	21
Maine	23,596	28,030	28,935	4.2%	3.2%	87.8%	91.0%	92.0%	31	7	13
Maryland	30,317	36,427	37,424	4.3%	2.7%	112.8%	118.3%	119.0%	5	6	24
Massachusetts	32,524	38,913	39,408	3.9%	1.3%	121.0%	126.4%	125.3%	4	11	47
Michigan	26,919	30,072	31,196	3.0%	3.7%	100.1%	97.7%	99.2%	20	40	7
Minnesota	28,993	33,179	34,039	3.3%	2.6%	107.8%	107.7%	108.2%	9	31	26
Mississippi	19,545	22,440	23,343	3.6%	4.0%	72.7%	72.9%	74.2%	51	19	6
Missouri	24,923	28,391	29,094	3.1%	2.5%	92.7%	92.2%	92.5%	29	36	29
Nebraska	25,542	28,869	30,331	3.5%	5.1%	95.0%	93.7%	96.4%	24	23	3
New Hampshire	29,147	34,109	34,703	3.6%	1.7%	108.4%	110.8%	110.3%	7	22	39
New Jersey	34,115	39,399	40,002	3.2%	1.5%	126.9%	127.9%	127.2%	3	33	42
New York	31,555	35,548	36,296	2.8%	2.1%	117.4%	115.4%	115.4%	6	46	33
North Carolina	24,743	27,775	28,301	2.7%	1.9%	92.0%	90.2%	90.0%	37	48	36
North Dakota	22,872	26,471	28,521	4.5%	7.7%	85.1%	86.0%	90.7%	35	3	1
Ohio	26,017	29,098	29,953	2.9%	2.9%	96.8%	94.5%	95.2%	26	45	18
Oklahoma	21,766	25,812	26,567	4.1%	2.9%	81.0%	83.8%	84.4%	40	8	19
Oregon	25,542	28,530	28,806	2.4%	1.0%	95.0%	92.6%	91.6%	32	50	51
Pennsylvania	26,961	30,835	31,706	3.3%	2.8%	100.3%	100.1%	100.8%	18	28	23
Rhode Island	26,670	31,035	31,937	3.7%	2.9%	99.2%	100.8%	101.5%	17	16	20
South Carolina	22,161	25,474	26,138	3.4%	2.6%	82.4%	82.7%	83.1%	43	25	25
South Dakota	23,488	26,644	28,299	3.8%	6.2%	87.4%	86.5%	90.0%	38	14	2
Tennessee	23,989	27,606	28,565	3.6%	3.5%	89.2%	89.6%	90.8%	34	21	11
Texas	25,186	28,693	29,076	2.9%	1.3%	93.7%	93.2%	92.4%	30	43	44
Vermont	24,629	29,603	30,534	4.4%	3.1%	91.6%	96.1%	97.1%	23	4	15
Virginia	27,780	32,860	33,651	3.9%	2.4%	103.3%	106.7%	107.0%	10	12	31
Washington	28,384	32,696	33,264	3.2%	1.7%	105.6%	106.2%	105.7%	13	34	40
West Virginia	20,226	23,993	24,672	4.1%	2.8%	75.2%	77.9%	78.4%	49	10	22
Wisconsin	26,175	29,987	30,723	3.3%	2.5%	97.4%	97.4%	97.7%	21	32	30

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 50
Median Income of Households by State, U.S., Mountain Division, and States

	Median Income of Households (2003 Dollars)			Median Income of Households (2003 Dollars) Two-year Moving Average*					Median Income of Households Three-year Average* (2003 Dollars)						
	1998 Amount	2002 Amount	2003 Amount	2001-02		2002-03			Standard Error	Difference	Pct. Chg.	2001-2003 Standard Error	Amount	Rank	As a % of the U.S.
				2001-02 Amount	2002-03 Amount	Standard Error	Two-year Average								
United States	\$38,885	\$42,409	\$43,318	\$43,631	\$43,349	136	-\$282	-0.6%	\$43,527	\$108					100.0%
Mountain States															
Arizona	37,090	39,734	41,166	42,463	42,511	1,012	48	0.1%	42,062	908	31	96.6%			
Colorado	46,599	48,294	49,940	50,279	50,366	1,095	87	0.2%	50,224	920	10	115.4%			
Idaho	36,680	37,715	42,372	39,062	39,159	876	97	0.2%	40,230	736	35	92.4%			
Montana	31,577	34,835	34,108	33,432	34,509	949	1,077	3.2%	34,375	734	47	79.0%			
Nevada	39,756	44,958	45,184	46,954	46,585	1,131	-369	-0.8%	46,118	911	15	106.0%			
New Mexico	31,543	35,457	35,105	35,148	35,346	915	198	0.6%	35,265	815	46	81.0%			
Utah	44,299	47,861	49,275	48,875	49,077	856	202	0.4%	49,143	886	12	112.9%			
Wyoming	35,250	39,763	42,555	40,867	40,975	821	108	0.3%	41,501	746	33	95.3%			
Other States															
Alabama	36,266	37,603	37,255	37,501	37,860	1,104	359	1.0%	37,419	867	44	86.0%			
Alaska	50,692	52,774	51,837	56,797	52,910	855	-3,887	-6.8%	55,143	994	4	126.7%			
Arkansas	27,665	32,387	32,002	33,887	32,565	646	-1,322	-3.9%	33,259	645	49	76.4%			
California	40,934	47,437	49,300	48,819	48,912	658	93	0.2%	48,979	550	13	112.5%			
Connecticut	46,508	53,387	54,965	55,024	54,788	1,218	-236	-0.4%	55,004	992	5	126.4%			
Delaware	41,458	49,650	49,019	51,166	49,903	1,278	-1,263	-2.5%	50,451	1,090	9	115.9%			
D.C.	33,433	39,070	45,044	41,373	42,505	1,007	1,132	2.7%	42,597	813	28	97.9%			
Florida	34,909	38,024	38,972	38,372	38,934	660	562	1.5%	38,572	493	38	88.6%			
Georgia	38,665	42,939	42,438	44,083	43,180	868	-903	-2.0%	43,535	756	23	100.0%			
Hawaii	40,827	47,303	51,834	48,842	50,110	1,123	1,268	2.6%	49,839	945	11	114.5%			
Illinois	43,178	42,710	45,153	45,834	44,421	802	-1,413	-3.1%	45,607	664	17	104.8%			
Indiana	39,731	41,047	42,425	41,974	42,206	710	232	0.6%	42,124	625	30	96.8%			
Iowa	37,019	41,049	41,384	42,285	41,687	851	-598	-1.4%	41,985	764	32	96.5%			
Kansas	36,711	42,619	44,232	43,316	43,914	987	598	1.4%	43,622	824	22	100.2%			
Kentucky	36,252	36,762	36,936	38,774	37,270	719	-1,504	-3.9%	38,161	652	40	87.7%			
Louisiana	31,735	34,008	33,507	34,707	34,147	983	-560	-1.6%	34,307	852	48	78.8%			
Maine	35,640	36,853	37,113	37,872	37,405	744	-467	-1.2%	37,619	649	42	86.4%			
Maryland	50,016	56,407	52,314	56,663	55,007	1,150	-1,656	-2.9%	55,213	1,061	2	126.8%			
Massachusetts	42,345	49,855	50,955	52,649	50,976	878	-1,673	-3.2%	52,084	874	8	119.7%			
Michigan	41,821	42,715	45,022	45,253	44,358	860	-895	-2.0%	45,176	707	19	103.8%			
Minnesota	47,926	54,622	52,823	55,309	54,348	1,007	-961	-1.7%	54,480	847	6	125.2%			
Mississippi	29,120	30,882	32,728	31,466	32,159	785	693	2.2%	31,887	719	50	73.3%			
Missouri	40,201	42,776	43,762	43,357	43,759	813	402	0.9%	43,492	758	25	99.9%			
Nebraska	36,413	42,796	43,974	44,548	43,875	975	-673	-1.5%	44,357	817	20	101.9%			
New Hampshire	44,958	44,958	45,184	54,965	56,078	1,077	1,113	2.0%	55,166	809	3	126.7%			
New Jersey	49,826	54,568	56,045	54,809	55,932	1,109	1,123	2.0%	55,221	880	1	126.9%			
New York	37,394	41,966	42,788	43,346	42,858	607	-488	-1.1%	43,160	486	27	99.2%			
North Carolina	35,838	36,515	37,279	38,504	37,315	690	-1,189	-3.1%	38,096	614	41	87.5%			
North Dakota	30,304	36,200	40,410	37,112	38,720	696	1,608	4.3%	38,212	590	39	87.8%			
Ohio	38,925	42,684	43,520	43,542	43,591	710	49	0.1%	43,535	565	23	100.0%			
Oklahoma	33,727	36,458	35,902	37,149	36,598	580	-551	-1.5%	36,733	492	45	84.4%			
Oregon	39,067	41,802	41,638	42,825	42,199	756	-626	-1.5%	42,429	612	29	97.5%			
Pennsylvania	39,015	42,498	42,933	44,337	43,202	654	-1,135	-2.6%	43,869	548	21	100.8%			
Rhode Island	40,686	42,417	44,711	45,452	44,050	887	-1,402	-3.1%	45,205	768	18	103.9%			
South Carolina	33,267	37,812	38,479	38,946	38,579	976	-367	-0.9%	38,791	808	37	89.1%			
South Dakota	32,786	37,873	39,522	39,983	39,131	813	-852	-2.1%	39,829	670	36	91.5%			
Tennessee	34,091	37,030	37,523	37,532	37,701	952	169	0.5%	37,529	742	43	86.2%			
Texas	35,783	40,149	39,271	41,765	40,170	552	-1,595	-3.8%	40,934	437	34	94.0%			
Vermont	39,372	42,999	43,261	43,188	43,623	751	435	1.0%	43,212	650	26	99.3%			
Virginia	43,354	49,631	54,783	51,489	52,776	1,186	1,287	2.5%	52,587	952	7	120.8%			
Washington	47,421	45,183	47,508	45,186	46,863	985	1,677	3.7%	45,960	851	16	105.6%			
West Virginia	26,704	29,359	32,763	30,434	31,397	706	963	3.2%	31,210	561	51	71.7%			
Wisconsin	41,327	45,903	46,269	47,039	46,612	799	-427	-0.9%	46,782	723	14	107.5%			

*Because the sample of households contacted in small population states like Utah is relatively few in number, the data collected for two or three years is combined to calculate less variable estimates. The Census Bureau recommends using 2-year averages for evaluating changes in state estimates over time, and 3-year averages when comparing the relative ranking of states.

Notes: The Standard Error is a measurement that indicates the magnitude of sampling variability for the estimates. Note that the standard errors for U.S. estimates are much smaller than those for the states.

Ranking is done for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: 2004 August Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, Money Income in the United States: 2000.

Table 51
Average Annual Pay for All Workers Covered by Unemployment Insurance: U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Rates of Change for Average Annual Pay						Average Annual Pay as a Percent of U.S. Average Annual Pay			Rankings		
	Average Annual Pay			Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1998-2003	Percent Change 2002-03	1998	2002	2003	Rank by Average Annual Pay 2003	Rank by Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1998-2003	Rank by Percent Change 2002-03	
	1998	2002	2003									
United States	\$31,945	\$36,764	\$37,765	3.4%	2.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				
Mountain States												
Arizona	29,322	34,036	35,056	3.6%	3.0%	91.8%	92.6%	92.8%	23	15	28	
Colorado	32,248	38,005	38,942	3.8%	2.5%	100.9%	103.4%	103.1%	12	6	38	
Idaho	24,868	28,163	28,677	2.9%	1.8%	77.8%	76.6%	75.9%	47	47	49	
Montana	22,648	26,001	26,907	3.5%	3.5%	70.9%	70.7%	71.2%	51	22	8	
Nevada	30,203	33,993	35,329	3.2%	3.9%	94.5%	92.5%	93.5%	21	37	4	
New Mexico	25,711	29,431	30,202	3.3%	2.6%	80.5%	80.1%	80.0%	42	31	33	
Utah	26,873	30,585	31,106	3.0%	1.7%	84.1%	83.2%	82.4%	36	45	51	
Wyoming	24,725	28,975	29,924	3.9%	3.3%	77.4%	78.8%	79.2%	43	5	18	
Other States												
Alabama	27,042	31,163	32,236	3.6%	3.4%	84.7%	84.8%	85.4%	32	17	11	
Alaska	33,847	37,134	37,804	2.2%	1.8%	106.0%	101.0%	100.1%	15	51	50	
Arkansas	24,425	28,074	28,893	3.4%	2.9%	76.5%	76.4%	76.5%	46	24	30	
California	35,348	41,419	42,592	3.8%	2.8%	110.7%	112.7%	112.8%	6	11	31	
Connecticut	40,895	46,852	48,328	3.4%	3.2%	128.0%	127.4%	128.0%	2	26	24	
Delaware	33,969	39,684	40,954	3.8%	3.2%	106.3%	107.9%	108.4%	7	10	21	
D.C.	48,462	57,914	60,417	4.5%	4.3%	151.7%	157.5%	160.0%	1	1	2	
Florida	28,184	32,426	33,544	3.5%	3.4%	88.2%	88.2%	88.8%	28	18	10	
Georgia	30,856	35,734	36,626	3.5%	2.5%	96.6%	97.2%	97.0%	19	23	36	
Hawaii	29,036	32,671	33,742	3.0%	3.3%	90.9%	88.9%	89.3%	26	41	17	
Illinois	34,715	39,688	40,540	3.2%	2.1%	108.7%	108.0%	107.3%	9	39	44	
Indiana	29,108	32,603	33,379	2.8%	2.4%	91.1%	88.7%	88.4%	31	48	39	
Iowa	26,026	29,668	30,708	3.4%	3.5%	81.5%	80.7%	81.3%	40	27	7	
Kansas	26,845	30,825	31,489	3.2%	2.2%	84.0%	83.8%	83.4%	35	33	43	
Kentucky	26,697	30,904	31,855	3.6%	3.1%	83.6%	84.1%	84.4%	34	16	25	
Louisiana	26,910	30,115	30,782	2.7%	2.2%	84.2%	81.9%	81.5%	37	49	42	
Maine	25,875	29,736	30,750	3.5%	3.4%	81.0%	80.9%	81.4%	38	21	12	
Maryland	33,301	39,382	40,686	4.1%	3.3%	104.2%	107.1%	107.7%	8	4	16	
Massachusetts	37,774	44,954	46,323	4.2%	3.0%	118.2%	122.3%	122.7%	5	3	27	
Michigan	34,521	38,135	39,433	2.7%	3.4%	108.1%	103.7%	104.4%	10	50	13	
Minnesota	32,075	37,458	38,610	3.8%	3.1%	100.4%	101.9%	102.2%	13	12	26	
Mississippi	23,822	26,665	27,591	3.0%	3.5%	74.6%	72.5%	73.1%	49	44	9	
Missouri	28,907	33,118	33,788	3.2%	2.0%	90.5%	90.1%	89.5%	25	38	46	
Nebraska	25,539	29,448	30,382	3.5%	3.2%	79.9%	80.1%	80.5%	41	20	22	
New Hampshire	30,944	36,176	37,321	3.8%	3.2%	96.9%	98.4%	98.8%	16	8	23	
New Jersey	39,516	45,182	46,351	3.2%	2.6%	123.7%	122.9%	122.7%	4	34	34	
New York	40,684	46,328	47,247	3.0%	2.0%	127.4%	126.0%	125.1%	3	42	48	
North Carolina	28,176	32,689	33,532	3.5%	2.6%	88.2%	88.9%	88.8%	29	19	35	
North Dakota	22,990	26,550	27,628	3.7%	4.1%	72.0%	72.2%	73.2%	48	13	3	
Ohio	30,392	34,214	35,153	3.0%	2.7%	95.1%	93.1%	93.1%	22	46	32	
Oklahoma	25,122	28,654	29,699	3.4%	3.6%	78.6%	77.9%	78.6%	44	25	6	
Oregon	29,544	33,684	34,450	3.1%	2.3%	92.5%	91.6%	91.2%	24	40	41	
Pennsylvania	31,584	35,808	36,995	3.2%	3.3%	98.9%	97.4%	98.0%	17	36	15	
Rhode Island	30,156	34,810	36,415	3.8%	4.6%	94.4%	94.7%	96.4%	20	7	1	
South Carolina	26,161	30,003	30,750	3.3%	2.5%	81.9%	81.6%	81.4%	38	30	37	
South Dakota	22,751	26,360	27,210	3.6%	3.2%	71.2%	71.7%	72.1%	50	14	20	
Tennessee	28,462	32,531	33,581	3.4%	3.2%	89.1%	88.5%	88.9%	27	28	19	
Texas	31,515	36,248	36,968	3.2%	2.0%	98.7%	98.6%	97.9%	18	32	47	
Vermont	26,611	31,041	32,086	3.8%	3.4%	83.3%	84.4%	85.0%	33	9	14	
Virginia	31,373	37,222	38,585	4.2%	3.7%	98.2%	101.2%	102.2%	14	2	5	
Washington	33,076	38,242	39,021	3.4%	2.0%	103.5%	104.0%	103.3%	11	29	45	
West Virginia	25,276	28,612	29,284	3.0%	2.3%	79.1%	77.8%	77.5%	45	43	40	
Wisconsin	28,531	32,464	33,425	3.2%	3.0%	89.3%	88.3%	88.5%	30	35	29	

Note: This data varies slightly from data reported by the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 52
Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls--U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls						Rates of Change for Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls			Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls (not seasonally adjusted)			Rankings			
	Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls			Avg. Ann. Growth Rate 1998-2003	Percent Change 2002-03	Employees on Nonagricultural Payrolls (not seasonally adjusted)			Rank by Employees on Nonag. Payrolls 2003	Rank by Average Annual Growth Rate 1998-2003	Rank by Percent Change 2002-03	Rank by Percent Change (unadjust.) 2003-04				
	1998 (thousands)	2002 (thousands)	2003 (thousands)			October 2003 (thousands)	October 2004(p) (thousands)	Percent Change 2003-04								
United States	125,930	130,341	129,931	0.6%	-0.3%	138,624	140,255	1.2%								
Mountain States	7,923	8,551	8,598	1.7%	0.6%	8,637	8,861	2.6%								
Arizona	2,075	2,265	2,289	2.0%	1.1%	2,303	2,361	2.5%	21	2	6	5				
Colorado	2,057	2,183	2,150	0.9%	-1.5%	2,154	2,186	1.5%	22	21	47	19				
Idaho	521	568	572	1.9%	0.6%	571	591	3.5%	42	4	11	2				
Montana	373	396	400	1.4%	1.0%	398	404	1.5%	46	9	7	18				
Nevada	926	1,052	1,087	3.3%	3.4%	1,102	1,156	4.9%	34	1	1	1				
New Mexico	720	766	776	1.5%	1.2%	778	794	2.1%	37	8	5	10				
Utah	1,023	1,073	1,074	1.0%	0.0%	1,078	1,112	3.1%	35	16	20	3				
Wyoming	228	248	250	1.8%	0.8%	252	257	1.9%	51	5	10	13				
Other States																
Alabama	1,898	1,883	1,875	-0.2%	-0.4%	1,874	1,888	0.8%	24	47	34	35				
Alaska	275	295	300	1.7%	1.6%	300	303	1.2%	49	6	3	24				
Arkansas	1,122	1,146	1,144	0.4%	-0.2%	1,147	1,153	0.6%	32	32	28	42				
California	13,596	14,458	14,410	1.2%	-0.3%	14,450	14,577	0.9%	1	13	32	32				
Connecticut	1,643	1,665	1,643	0.0%	-1.3%	1,638	1,644	0.3%	27	42	46	46				
Delaware	400	415	414	0.7%	-0.2%	416	424	1.9%	45	25	27	15				
D.C.	614	664	665	1.6%	0.1%	665	671	0.9%	39	7	19	29				
Florida	6,636	7,180	7,286	1.9%	1.5%	7,331	7,476	2.0%	4	3	4	11				
Georgia	3,741	3,870	3,860	0.6%	-0.3%	3,880	3,912	0.8%	10	26	30	34				
Hawaii	531	557	567	1.3%	1.9%	572	590	3.0%	43	11	2	4				
Illinois	5,899	5,884	5,818	-0.3%	-1.1%	5,822	5,828	0.1%	5	48	45	47				
Indiana	2,917	2,901	2,897	-0.1%	-0.1%	2,901	2,911	0.3%	14	46	25	45				
Iowa	1,443	1,447	1,440	0.0%	-0.5%	1,447	1,455	0.6%	30	45	35	43				
Kansas	1,312	1,335	1,312	0.0%	-1.7%	1,311	1,336	1.9%	31	43	49	14				
Kentucky	1,753	1,789	1,783	0.3%	-0.3%	1,785	1,798	0.7%	26	33	33	37				
Louisiana	1,889	1,898	1,906	0.2%	0.4%	1,906	1,903	-0.2%	23	37	13	49				
Maine	569	607	606	1.3%	-0.1%	607	613	1.0%	41	12	21	27				
Maryland	2,324	2,477	2,483	1.3%	0.2%	2,486	2,535	2.0%	20	10	15	12				
Massachusetts	3,179	3,250	3,186	0.0%	-2.0%	3,177	3,180	0.1%	13	41	50	48				
Michigan	4,510	4,478	4,412	-0.4%	-1.5%	4,405	4,373	-0.7%	8	51	48	51				
Minnesota	2,555	2,655	2,651	0.7%	-0.1%	2,659	2,684	0.9%	19	24	23	30				
Mississippi	1,134	1,124	1,117	-0.3%	-0.6%	1,120	1,128	0.8%	33	49	37	36				
Missouri	2,684	2,699	2,681	0.0%	-0.7%	2,679	2,713	1.3%	16	44	40	23				
Nebraska	876	906	904	0.6%	-0.2%	907	913	0.7%	36	27	26	38				
New Hampshire	589	618	617	0.9%	-0.3%	621	630	1.4%	40	20	31	20				
New Jersey	3,801	3,984	3,980	0.9%	-0.1%	3,998	4,066	1.7%	9	19	22	16				
New York	8,237	8,459	8,404	0.4%	-0.7%	8,407	8,465	0.7%	3	30	38	39				
North Carolina	3,774	3,837	3,803	0.2%	-0.9%	3,815	3,867	1.4%	11	38	42	21				
North Dakota	319	330	333	0.8%	0.8%	334	336	0.4%	48	22	9	44				
Ohio	5,482	5,445	5,391	-0.3%	-1.0%	5,377	5,363	-0.3%	7	50	44	50				
Oklahoma	1,441	1,487	1,451	0.1%	-2.4%	1,446	1,460	0.9%	29	40	51	28				
Oregon	1,552	1,573	1,562	0.1%	-0.7%	1,565	1,599	2.2%	28	39	39	8				
Pennsylvania	5,495	5,641	5,602	0.4%	-0.7%	5,591	5,653	1.1%	6	31	41	26				
Rhode Island	458	479	484	1.1%	0.9%	485	489	0.9%	44	14	8	31				
South Carolina	1,783	1,805	1,813	0.3%	0.4%	1,816	1,838	1.2%	25	34	12	25				
South Dakota	363	377	378	0.8%	0.2%	379	382	0.7%	47	23	14	40				
Tennessee	2,638	2,664	2,668	0.2%	0.1%	2,674	2,689	0.6%	17	35	18	41				
Texas	8,940	9,423	9,373	1.0%	-0.5%	9,370	9,491	1.3%	2	17	36	22				
Vermont	285	299	299	0.9%	-0.2%	299	302	0.9%	50	18	29	33				
Virginia	3,320	3,494	3,500	1.1%	0.2%	3,511	3,591	2.3%	12	15	17	7				
Washington	2,595	2,654	2,659	0.5%	0.2%	2,671	2,732	2.3%	18	28	16	6				
West Virginia	719	733	726	0.2%	-0.9%	724	735	1.5%	38	36	43	17				
Wisconsin	2,718	2,782	2,779	0.4%	-0.1%	2,784	2,841	2.1%	15	29	24	9				

Note: This data varies slightly from data reported by the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services.

p = preliminary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 53
Unemployment Rates--U.S., Mountain Division, and States

Division/State	Unemployment Rate			Unemployment Rate Change		Unemployment Rate (not seasonally adjusted)		Rankings by Unemployment Rate					
	1998	2002	2003	1998-2003	2002-03	October 2003	October 2004(p)	1998	2002	2003	(unadjust.) 2003	(unadjust.) 2004(p)	
United States	4.5	5.8	6.0		1.5	0.2		5.6	5.1				
Mountain States													
Arizona	4.1	6.2	5.6		1.5	-0.6		5.2	4.7	32	10	25	24
Colorado	3.8	5.7	6.0		2.2	0.3		5.5	4.6	34	20	19	19
Idaho	5.0	5.8	5.4		0.4	-0.4		4.3	4.3	13	18	31	40
Montana	5.6	4.6	4.7		-0.9	0.1		4.2	4.3	8	37	39	42
Nevada	4.3	5.5	5.2		0.9	-0.3		4.9	3.4	25	24	34	30
New Mexico	6.2	5.4	6.4		0.2	1.0		6.3	5.1	3	28	12	8
Utah	3.8	6.1	5.6		1.8	-0.5		4.9	4.4	34	12	25	30
Wyoming	4.8	4.2	4.4		-0.4	0.2		3.7	3.4	15	43	44	48
Other States													
Alabama	4.2	5.9	5.8		1.6	-0.1		6.2	5.8	28	17	21	11
Alaska	5.8	7.7	8.0		2.2	0.3		7.3	6.6	6	1	2	1
Arkansas	5.5	5.4	6.2		0.7	0.8		5.5	4.7	11	28	15	19
California	5.9	6.7	6.7		0.8	0.0		6.5	5.6	5	5	8	7
Connecticut	3.4	4.3	5.5		2.1	1.2		5.0	4.2	40	42	30	27
Delaware	3.8	4.2	4.4		0.6	0.2		4.0	3.6	34	43	44	43
D.C.	8.8	6.4	7.0		-1.8	0.6		7.0	8.4	1	8	5	4
Florida	4.3	5.5	5.1		0.8	-0.4		5.0	4.5	25	24	35	27
Georgia	4.2	5.1	4.7		0.5	-0.4		4.5	4.2	28	31	39	35
Hawaii	6.2	4.2	4.3		-1.9	0.1		4.5	3.3	3	43	46	35
Illinois	4.5	6.5	6.7		2.2	0.2		6.1	5.5	22	7	8	13
Indiana	3.1	5.1	5.1		2.0	0.0		4.8	5.0	45	31	35	33
Iowa	2.8	4.0	4.5		1.7	0.5		3.9	4.2	49	47	42	44
Kansas	3.8	5.1	5.4		1.6	0.3		5.2	4.7	34	31	31	24
Kentucky	4.6	5.6	6.2		1.6	0.6		5.7	4.5	18	23	15	25
Louisiana	5.7	6.1	6.6		0.9	0.5		5.9	5.3	7	12	10	15
Maine	4.4	4.4	5.1		0.7	0.7		4.8	4.2	24	39	35	34
Maryland	4.6	4.4	4.5		-0.1	0.1		4.3	3.8	18	39	42	40
Massachusetts	3.3	5.3	5.8		2.5	0.5		5.4	4.3	43	30	21	21
Michigan	3.9	6.2	7.3		3.4	1.1		6.9	6.0	33	10	4	6
Minnesota	2.5	4.4	5.0		2.5	0.6		4.5	3.8	51	39	38	35
Mississippi	5.4	6.8	6.3		0.9	-0.5		6.3	6.5	12	4	13	8
Missouri	4.2	5.5	5.6		1.4	0.1		5.0	5.1	28	24	25	27
Nebraska	2.7	3.6	4.0		1.3	0.4		3.7	3.1	50	50	49	48
New Hampshire	2.9	4.7	4.3		1.4	-0.4		3.9	3.0	46	36	46	44
New Jersey	4.6	5.8	5.9		1.3	0.1		5.4	4.5	18	18	20	21
New York	5.6	6.1	6.3		0.7	0.2		6.2	5.0	8	12	13	11
North Carolina	3.5	6.7	6.5		3.0	-0.2		6.1	4.6	39	5	11	13
North Dakota	3.2	4.0	4.0		0.8	0.0		2.5	2.5	44	47	49	51
Ohio	4.3	5.7	6.1		1.8	0.4		5.4	5.8	25	20	17	21
Oklahoma	4.5	4.5	5.7		1.2	1.2		5.6	4.4	22	38	24	18
Oregon	5.6	7.5	8.2		2.6	0.7		7.1	6.4	8	2	1	2
Pennsylvania	4.6	5.7	5.6		1.0	-0.1		4.9	5.1	18	20	25	30
Rhode Island	4.9	5.1	5.3		0.4	0.2		4.5	4.0	14	31	33	35
South Carolina	3.8	6.0	6.8		3.0	0.8		7.1	6.5	34	16	6	2
South Dakota	2.9	3.1	3.6		0.7	0.5		3.2	2.9	46	51	51	50
Tennessee	4.2	5.1	5.8		1.6	0.7		5.9	5.0	28	31	21	15
Texas	4.8	6.3	6.8		2.0	0.5		6.3	5.3	15	9	6	8
Vermont	3.4	3.7	4.6		1.2	0.9		3.9	2.7	40	49	41	44
Virginia	2.9	4.1	4.1		1.2	0.0		3.8	3.2	46	46	48	47
Washington	4.8	7.3	7.5		2.7	0.2		7.0	5.2	15	3	3	4
West Virginia	6.7	6.1	6.1		-0.6	0.0		5.1	4.4	2	12	17	26
Wisconsin	3.4	5.5	5.6		2.2	0.1		4.5	4.1	40	24	25	35

(p)=preliminary

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Table 54
Percent of People in Poverty by State, U.S., Mountain Division, and States

	Percent of Persons in Poverty			Percent of Persons in Poverty Two-year Moving Average**				Percent of Persons in Poverty Three-year Average**			
	1998 Percent	2002 Percent	2003 Percent	2001-02		2002-03 Amount	Standard Error	Two-year Average Difference	2001-03 Amount	Standard Error	Rank
				Amount	Amount						
United States	12.7	12.1	12.5	11.9	12.3	0.2	0.4	12.1	0.1		
Mountain States											
Arizona	16.6	13.5	13.5	14.1	13.5	1.01	-0.6	13.9	0.9	15	
Colorado	9.2	9.8	9.7	9.2	9.7	0.72	0.5	9.4	0.6	37	
Idaho	13.0	11.3	10.2	11.4	10.8	0.91	-0.6	11.0	0.8	25	
Montana	16.6	13.5	15.1	13.4	14.3	1.09	0.9	14.0	0.9	12	
Nevada	10.6	8.9	10.9	8.0	9.9	0.76	1.9	9.0	0.6	42	
New Mexico	20.4	17.9	18.1	17.9	18.0	1.26	0.1	18.0	1.1	2	
Utah	9.0	9.9	9.1	10.2	9.5	0.81	-0.7	9.8	0.7	35	
Wyoming	10.6	9.0	9.8	8.8	9.4	0.82	0.6	9.1	0.7	41	
Other States											
Alabama	14.5	14.5	15.0	15.2	14.7	0.99	-0.5	15.1	1.4	8	
Alaska	9.4	8.8	9.6	8.7	9.2	0.78	0.5	9.0	1.1	42	
Arkansas	14.7	19.8	17.8	18.8	18.8	1.16	0.0	18.5	1.6	1	
California	15.4	13.1	13.1	12.8	13.1	0.45	0.3	12.9	0.6	17	
Connecticut	9.5	8.3	8.1	7.8	8.2	0.68	0.4	7.9	0.9	47	
Delaware	10.3	9.1	7.3	7.9	8.2	0.78	0.3	7.7	1.1	48	
D.C.	22.3	17.0	16.8	17.6	16.9	1.16	-0.7	17.3	1.6	4	
Florida	13.1	12.6	12.7	12.6	12.6	0.54	0.0	12.7	0.8	18	
Georgia	13.5	11.2	11.9	12.1	11.5	0.87	-0.6	12.0	1.3	19	
Hawaii	10.9	11.3	9.3	11.4	10.3	0.85	-1.1	10.7	1.2	28	
Illinois	10.1	12.8	12.6	11.5	12.7	0.61	1.2	11.8	0.8	20	
Indiana	9.4	9.1	9.9	8.8	9.5	0.7	0.7	9.2	0.9	40	
Iowa	9.1	9.2	8.9	8.3	9.1	0.74	0.8	8.5	1.0	45	
Kansas	9.6	10.1	10.8	10.1	10.4	0.8	0.3	10.3	1.1	31	
Kentucky	13.5	14.2	14.4	13.4	14.3	0.96	0.9	13.7	1.3	16	
Louisiana	19.1	17.5	17.0	16.9	17.2	1.12	0.3	16.9	1.6	5	
Maine	10.4	13.4	11.6	11.9	12.5	0.81	0.6	11.8	1.1	20	
Maryland	7.2	7.4	8.6	7.3	8.0	0.68	0.7	7.7	0.9	48	
Massachusetts	8.7	10.0	10.3	9.5	10.1	0.7	0.6	9.7	1.0	36	
Michigan	11.0	11.6	11.4	10.5	11.5	0.63	1.0	10.8	0.8	27	
Minnesota	10.3	6.5	7.4	6.9	6.9	0.63	0.0	7.1	0.9	50	
Mississippi	17.6	18.4	16.0	18.9	17.2	1.16	-1.7	17.9	1.7	3	
Missouri	9.8	9.9	10.7	9.8	10.3	0.78	0.5	10.1	1.1	32	
Nebraska	12.3	10.6	9.8	10.0	10.2	0.83	0.2	9.9	1.2	33	
New Hampshire	9.8	5.8	5.8	6.1	5.8	0.59	-0.3	6.0	0.8	51	
New Jersey	8.6	7.9	8.6	8.0	8.3	0.56	0.3	8.2	0.8	46	
New York	16.7	14.0	14.3	14.1	14.2	0.5	0.1	14.2	0.7	10	
North Carolina	14.0	14.3	15.7	13.4	15.0	0.81	1.6	14.2	1.1	10	
North Dakota	15.1	11.6	9.7	12.7	10.6	0.83	-2.1	11.7	1.2	22	
Ohio	11.2	9.8	10.9	10.1	10.3	0.58	0.2	10.4	0.8	30	
Oklahoma	14.1	14.1	12.8	14.6	13.5	0.95	-1.1	14.0	1.4	12	
Oregon	15.0	10.9	12.5	11.3	11.7	0.87	0.4	11.7	1.2	22	
Pennsylvania	11.3	9.5	10.5	9.5	10.0	0.53	0.5	9.9	0.7	33	
Rhode Island	11.6	11.0	11.5	10.3	11.3	0.76	1.0	10.7	1.0	28	
South Carolina	13.7	14.3	12.7	14.7	13.5	0.94	-1.2	14.0	1.3	12	
South Dakota	10.8	11.5	12.7	10.0	12.1	0.84	2.1	10.9	1.1	26	
Tennessee	13.4	14.8	14.0	14.5	14.4	1.02	-0.1	14.3	1.4	9	
Texas	15.1	15.6	17.0	15.3	16.3	0.6	1.0	15.8	0.8	7	
Vermont	9.9	9.9	8.5	9.8	9.2	0.76	-0.6	9.4	1.1	37	
Virginia	8.8	9.9	10.0	8.9	10.0	0.78	1.1	9.3	1.0	39	
Washington	8.9	11.0	12.6	10.8	11.8	0.87	1.0	11.4	1.2	24	
West Virginia	17.8	16.8	17.4	16.6	17.1	0.99	0.5	16.9	1.4	5	
Wisconsin	8.8	8.6	9.8	8.2	9.2	0.7	1.0	8.8	1.0	44	

Notes:

*Statistically significant at the 90% confidence level

**Because the sample of households contacted in small population states like Utah is relatively few in number, the data collected for two or three years is combined to calculate less variable estimates. The Census Bureau recommends using 2-year averages for evaluating changes in state estimates over time, and 3-year averages when comparing the relative ranking of states.

The Standard Error is a measurement that indicates the magnitude of sampling variability for the estimates. Note that the standard errors for U.S. estimates are much smaller than those for the states.

Ranking is done for the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Source: March Current Population Survey, U.S. Census Bureau, Poverty in the United States: 2003.

